

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you;
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem,
and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

Schedule

January 25 to 31: Travel to Bakersfield and Modesto, CA.

February 18 to 21: Training of Trainers seminar in Zihuatanejo

Thank God for:

1. Thank God for the children and their parents who responded to our **Christmas Adventure**. Thank God for **Raque** and the group of volunteer teachers who work with the children each week. Pray that we may follow through well with these families. The children come from many communities, but our Spanish-speaking church is located in a rough community of Zihuatanejo called **Vicente Guerrero**. Pray for the Lord’s transformation of this community, and that many families will turn to him.
2. I have been meeting with a group of **families** in one of those small streets (really more like an alley) that are located up a steep hill from the church. Usually, many children come, but more mothers are becoming involved as we teach a bit of English, some basic health care, and tell Bible stories. We meet in the middle of the street—it is too steep for cars—so several neighbors also listen in. Thank God that several of the mothers have made commitments to Christ, and that others came to an evangelistic women’s breakfast this weekend.
3. Pray for **Janet** as she begins to work with the children and the families in a new community, **Ampliación Paraíso Limón**. Pray also for **John and Beti** as they work in **Vista del Mar** and also in a new community. Thank God for the faithful work of **Gaby’s** team in **La Presa**.
4. Thank God for the other outreaches and ministries in **Zihuatanejo**—in the jail, in the local hospital, with a group of pregnant teenagers, with people with HIV and others with alcoholism, and with people emerging from gangs. Thank God for our strong team of Mexicans, Americans, and Canadians involved in these ministries—**Jacob and Raque, Ron and Rose, Wayne and Gaby, John and Beti**, and several others.

Please be praying:

1. We have been working to set up a **refuge** for elderly abandoned adults in Zihuatanejo. Pray for us as we check out the options and move ahead. Pray for God’s leading and his timing.
2. We will be holding a **Training of Trainers** seminar on **Community Health Evangelism** in February. Pray that will be a practical encouragement for several teams in their ministries. Two people will also be coming from **Monterrey**.
3. I will be traveling to California this week, Dios mediante. My first stop is Bakersfield, where **Wayne and Gaby** will be speaking at a missions conference. Praise God for how he continues to work in their lives. Wayne continues to recover after his severe cryptococcal meningitis, and he is becoming involved in ministries again. They don’t have insurance, but the Lord has provided amply for them, so the hospital bills are now paid off.

4. Then I will move on to Modesto, where I will meet with Terry Dalrymple and other leaders at **LifeWind International**. We are working in several areas—Bible storying, new approaches to training committees and trainers, community-based evaluation, as well as new or updated lessons in many fields. Pray for God’s leading and direction as we develop new approaches and new teaching materials, and that this will build up the CHE ministries in many countries.
5. Pray for the growth of strong **Mexican leaders** for the Mexico ministries.
6. Pray for the leaders of **LifeWind International** as they work in challenging conditions around the world. Pray for wisdom and God’s provision in their financial challenges

Many thanks.
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